(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the terrorist group, Lashkar-e-Taiba has established its network in several parts of Bihar and terrorist training centres are being run in some places;

(b) whether any information has been received from Government of Bihar in this regard; and

(c) if so, action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There are no such specific reports. However, one of the two Pakistanis killed in the neutralization of one LeT module in March, 2005 in Delhi had settled in Bihar with local help.

(c) In order to curb terrorist activities of such terrorist outfits, the Government has pursued a multi-pronged approach which includes strengthening the border management to check infiltration, galvanizing the intelligence machinery, improved technology, weaponry and equipments for security forces both at the Centre and in the States, neutralizing plans of terrorist groups including LeT/anti-national elements/ ISI agents by well co-ordinated intelligence based operations.

Expert Committee to tackle natural disasters

3422. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to constitute an expert committee to suggest concrete measures to check the loss of lives, crops and property due to recurrring flood, cyclones and other natural disasters every year in different parts of the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) Government is aware of the need to adopt a multi-dimensional, multi-disciplinary and multi-sectoral approach to deal with natural disasters. The recently enacted Disaster Management Act, 2005 provides for institutional mechanism for drawing up and monitoring the implementation of disaster management plans, including measures for prevention and mitigating effects of disasters. The

Government has already constituted a National Disaster Management Authority to lay down the plans and policies for disaster management. The functions which the authority may perform, *inter alia*, include laying down guidelines to be followed by different Ministries and Departments of the Government of India for the purpose of integrating the measures for prevention of disaster or the mitigation of its effects in their development plans and projects. The authority may also take such other measures for the prevention of disaster, or the mitigation of its effects, or for preparedness and capacity building for dealing with the threatening disaster situation or disaster as it may consider necessary.

The Government are also implementing measures for mitigation and capacity building. Core Groups have been constituted for advising on mitigation of risks from earthquake, cyclone and landslide. An Expert Committee was also constituted to formulate model building bye laws, town and country panning legislation, zoning and building regulations for incorporating disaster resistant features. The report of this Committee has since been shared with the State Governments.

A community based Disaster Risk Management Programme has been taken up in 169 districts in 17 most hazards prone States, which aims at sustainable reduction in disaster risk *inter alia* by awareness generation and capacity development for multi hazard preparedness, response and mitigation at various levels.

Re-investigation of killing of DPSI

3423. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the parents of Mahtab Singh, S.I., Delhi Police, recipient of Gallantry Award who was reportedly killed in the encounter with gangster at Panipat, have sent any appeal to the Police Commissioner of Delhi for the reinvestigation of the case by the C.B.I. and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The father of late Shri Mehtab Singh, Sub Inspector of Delhi Police had submitted a petition to the Commissioner